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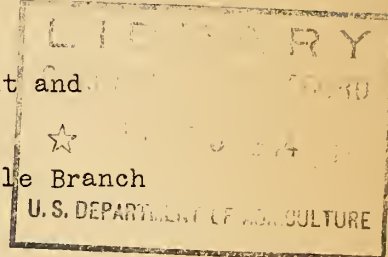
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Fruit and Vegetable Branch Memorandum No. 14

To: Regional Directors, Attention, Chiefs of Fruit and Vegetable Divisions

From: C. F. Kunkel, Acting Chief, Fruit and Vegetable Branch

Subject: Damaged and Deteriorated Inventories



Pursuant to Director's Memorandum No. 15, Supplement 11, specifying the responsibilities and operations of the respective commodity branches and of the Transportation and Warehousing Branch with respect to the management of FDA-owned inventories, interbranch procedures have been established to clarify operations in the Washington office.

It is inevitable that regional offices will continue to receive reports concerning damage in fruit and vegetable inventories stored in their areas. The strategic position of the regional offices is of great value in minimizing deterioration in our inventories and the importance of prompt action by such offices cannot be over-emphasized. However, in the past, these reports have duplicated some of the reports transmitted from the Transportation and Warehousing Branch warehouse examiners and Fruit and Vegetable Branch commodity inspectors, and, in the absence of adequate procedure, requests for inspection have been duplicated and loss of time and effort has resulted.

To prevent such duplication and to insure prompt corrective action, it is requested that all communications of this nature be referred directly to the Washington office for the attention of the Transportation and Warehousing Branch, Custody and Disposition Division, Shipping Section.

*C. F. Kunkel*

